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1. A dispenser for gravity-flowable discrete objects comprising an upstanding wall, a storage compartment disposed within the upper portion of the upstanding wall having a funnel-shaped contour, an opening extending from the storage area and communicating with the exterior of the upstanding wall portion, and a plunger disposed in a vertically reciprocating relationship with the wall of the opening, said plunger having a recess in its side wall suitable for receiving the gravity-flowable discrete objects to be dispensed.

2. The dispenser of claim 1, and further wherein the base of the upstanding wall comprises a plurality of posts which define openings for the gravity-flowable discrete objects to emerge beyond the periphery of the dispenser.

3. A dispenser for transporting discrete objects from a storage area to an area outside the periphery of the storage area, said dispenser comprising an upstanding wall having a base portion, said wall perimetally defining a modified bowl-shaped upper surface having an opening extending from the bowl-shaped upper surface to the base of the upstanding wall, a chute having an inboard and outboard opening extending from an upper portion of the non-circular opening laterally and downwardly through the outer surface of the upstanding wall; a plunger disposed within the opening in the top surface of the upstanding wall and being shaped for

reciprocating but non-rotational movement within said opening, said plunger having a recess in its side wall for receiving a spherical object from the storage area; and means for reciprocatingly moving the plunger within the aforesaid non-circular opening so as to bring the recess in the plunger into registry with the inboard opening of the chute during downward movement of the plunger.

4. The dispenser of claim 3, and further wherein the modified bowl-shaped upper surface is shaped for effecting movement of the discrete spherical objects in the storage area into registry with the recess in the side wall of the plunger.

5. The dispenser of claim 3, and further wherein the upstanding wall is annular.

6. The dispenser of claim 4, and further wherein the upstanding wall is annular.

7. The dispenser of claim 4, and further wherein the modified bowl-shaped upper surface has two upwardly tapered surfaces flowing away from the chute, which two upwardly tapered surfaces join at an apex and form a portion of the upper surface defining the opening.

8. The dispenser of claim 7, and further wherein the apex is disposed directly across from the chute.

9. The dispenser of claim 5, and further wherein the modified bowl-shaped upper surface has two upwardly tapered surfaces flowing away from the chute, which two upwardly tapered surfaces join at an apex and form a portion of the upper surface defining the opening.

10. The dispenser of claim 9, and further wherein the apex is disposed directly across from the chute.

11. The dispenser of claim 3, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

12. The dispenser of claim 4, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

13. The dispenser of claim 5, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

14. The dispenser of claim 6, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

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15. The dispenser of claim 7, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

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16. The dispenser of claim 8, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

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17. The dispenser of claim 9, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

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18. The dispenser of claim 10, and further wherein a lid for the storage area is provided, a rod is affixed to the top of the plunger, said rod extending through the lid and a spring is disposed in the opening beneath the plunger.

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19. The dispenser as in any one of claims 3-18, and further wherein a tray surrounds the base of the upstanding wall.

20. The dispenser of any one of claims 11-18, and further wherein the lid has an opening for admitting spherical objects.

21. The dispenser of claim 19, and further wherein the lid has an opening for admitting spherical objects.

22. The dispenser as in any one of claims 11-18, and further wherein the lid has a closure member that fits within the recess of the opening thereby forming a continuous surface with the contiguous surface of the lid and the base member has a knob atop its outer surface.

23. The dispenser of claim 19, and further wherein the lid has a closure member that fits within the recess of the opening thereby forming a continuous surface with the contiguous surface of the lid and the base member has a knob atop its outer surface.

24. The dispenser as in one of claims 3-18, and further wherein a figurine is fixedly attached to the lid and the rod extends through the figurine.

25. The dispenser of claim 21, and further wherein a figurine is fixedly attached to the lid and the rod extends through the figurine.

5 26. The dispenser of claim 23, and further wherein the lid has a closure member that fits within the recess of the opening thereby forming a surface with the contiguous surface of the lid and the base member has a knob atop its outer surface.

10 27. The dispenser as in claim 19, and further wherein a figurine is fixedly attached to the lid and the rod extends through the figurine.

15 28. The dispenser as in claim 20, and further wherein a figurine is fixedly attached to the lid and the rod extends through the figurine.

20 29. The dispenser as in claim 22, and further wherein a figurine is fixedly attached to the lid and the rod extends through the figurine.

25 30. The dispenser of any one of claims 3-18, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring.

31. The dispenser of claim 19, and further wherein the lid has an opening for admitting spherical objects.

32. The dispenser of claim 19, and further wherein the lid has a closure member that fits within the recess of the opening thereby forming a continuous surface with the contiguous surface of the lid and the base member has a knob atop its outer surface.

33. The dispenser of claim 19, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring.

34. The dispenser of claim 20, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring.

35. The dispenser of claim 22, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring.

36. The dispenser of claim 24, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring.

37. The dispenser of claim 25, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring.

5 38. The dispenser of claim 26, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring..

10 39. The dispenser of claim 27, and further wherein a groove is provided in the bottom of the opening configured to receive the lower end of the spring.